



“ At Onslow College  
I was able to try a  
lot of new activities  
and subjects that  
I could never have  
done in my country”



# Strengths and Opportunities

Wellington, New Zealand

We offer our students high quality teaching,  
unique and new experiences during their  
time with us. Our International Students  
enjoy these and value the opportunities

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## Courses

### The Sciences

Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Space Science, Electronics, and Physics courses are offered by experienced Scientists who focus on developing our students' innate curiosity about their world.

- We are known nationally for our excellent results in these subjects.
- Our students participate in national and international competitions and are major winners in national Science fairs especially Physics.
- Three Prime Ministers Science Awards have been won for the school by both Onslow students and a teacher.

### Graphic Design

Graphics is a subject where students develop their practice of designing and developing their design thinking in terms of architecture and products.

Our students achieve excellent results in the NCEA examinations and the Scholarship exams.

Many of our past students study Design at university and have careers in Architecture, Interior Design, Landscape Design and Fashion Design.

### Digital Technology

This department provides quality teaching and learning in a modern learning environment.

Our teachers deliver quality programmes in Computer Science, Programming, Web Development, Digital Media, Information Systems, Robotics and Infrastructure.

Our students excel in all areas and have received national recognition and awards for their work in web development and programming.

We run a robotics club during school lunch hours.

### Music

Onslow College has a highly creative and vibrant music community that has a strong practical bias through performance and composition. Alongside classroom music at all year levels, the music department has many ensembles and groups such as choirs, bands. Students also develop groups that practice, create and perform. Some of the events and programs that the department runs or takes part in every year are:

- Music Camp
- The Big Sing Choral Festival
- SmokeFree RockQuest
- WeBO – Wellington Band and Orchestra Festival
- College Production or Musical

### New Zealand Studies

Onslow College offers a special half year course for senior international students who are not sitting NCEA exams. This course is about everything that is New Zealand. It covers:

- Important historical events such as the Treaty of Watangi
- New Zealand history and culture
- New Zealand flora and fauna
- The people who have helped make New Zealand what it is today
- The places that the world wants to visit
- The films, literature and culture that have put New Zealand on the world stage.

There are also trips to places of interest around Wellington during this course of study.

### Café Cuisine

We run a half-year meal preparation course for Year 12 and Year 13 students. This course is about developing skills and confidence in food preparation. It provides students with the opportunity to prepare a variety of café-style foods and to develop their individual creativity and flair.

Students also have the opportunity of completing a four-day introductory barista coffee course.

This course runs in both the 1st and 2nd semesters.

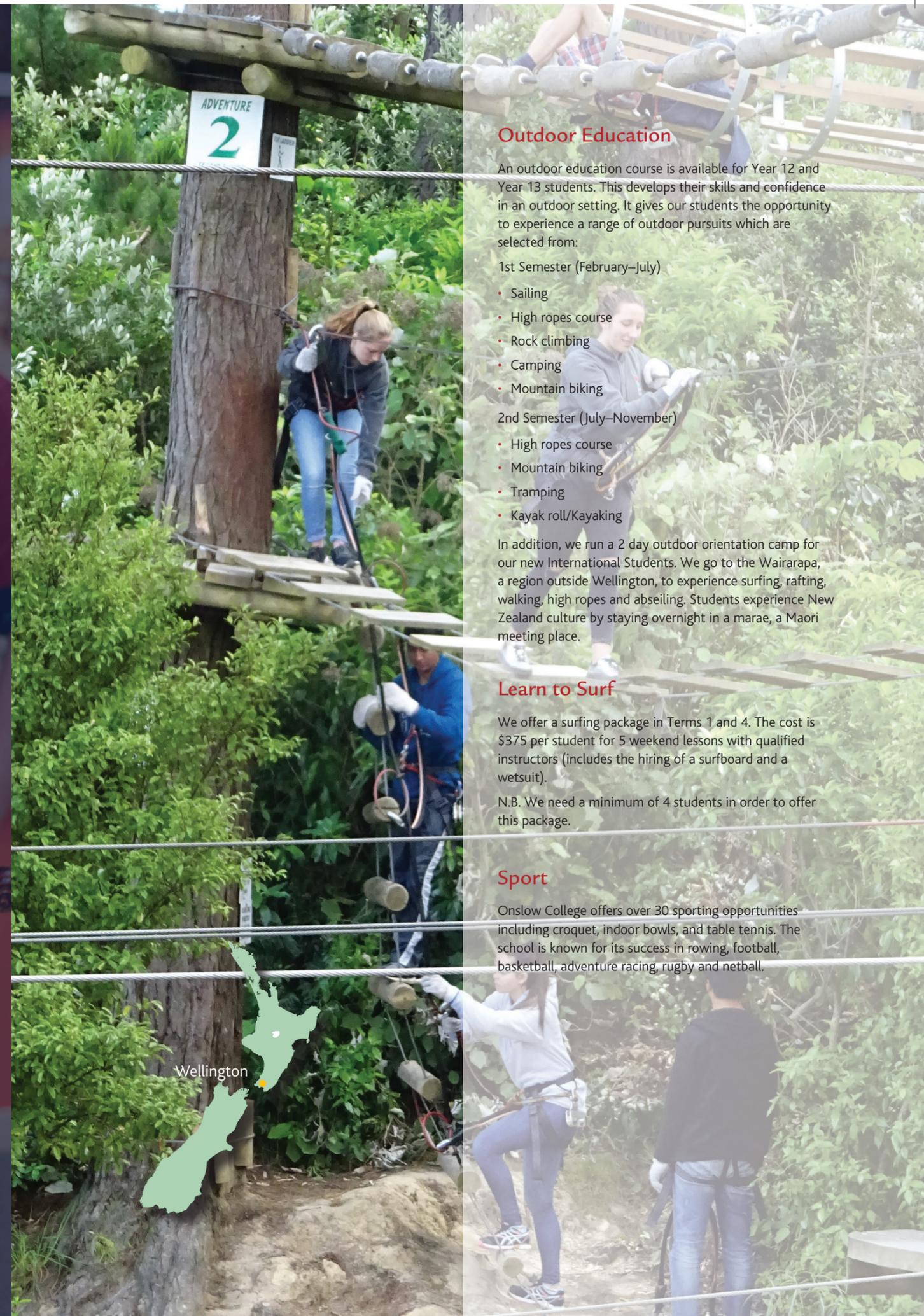
### Fashion Design

This creative subject offers students the opportunity to:

- Learn about textiles and fashion and how our clothes are made.
- Learn new skills and design one-off creative garments.
- Plan a pathway through NCEA to University courses in fashion and textile design and fashion technology.
- Fashion & textile design students at Onslow College develop skills in creative thinking, problem solving, visual communication, and create tangible real-life products; they can see themselves as creators as well as consumers.

### Dance

Dance is a practical and physical senior course at Onslow College. There is the opportunity to perform as a soloist or in a group and to choreograph dances as well. This is a very open course and all styles of dance are welcome!



### Outdoor Education

An outdoor education course is available for Year 12 and Year 13 students. This develops their skills and confidence in an outdoor setting. It gives our students the opportunity to experience a range of outdoor pursuits which are selected from:

1st Semester (February–July)

- Sailing
- High ropes course
- Rock climbing
- Camping
- Mountain biking

2nd Semester (July–November)

- High ropes course
- Mountain biking
- Tramping
- Kayak roll/Kayaking

In addition, we run a 2 day outdoor orientation camp for our new International Students. We go to the Wairarapa, a region outside Wellington, to experience surfing, rafting, walking, high ropes and abseiling. Students experience New Zealand culture by staying overnight in a marae, a Maori meeting place.

### Learn to Surf

We offer a surfing package in Terms 1 and 4. The cost is \$375 per student for 5 weekend lessons with qualified instructors (includes the hiring of a surfboard and a wetsuit).

N.B. We need a minimum of 4 students in order to offer this package.

### Sport

Onslow College offers over 30 sporting opportunities including croquet, indoor bowls, and table tennis. The school is known for its success in rowing, football, basketball, adventure racing, rugby and netball.